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Old Spook in New York

References to the CIA phase in the career of the MTA's chairman-designate Robert Kiley—named by Governor Cuomo, who had a ridiculously self-serving letter about the Gromyko affair in Sunday's *Times*—have been a little vague, generally implying that he was far removed from anything in the way of nasty tricks or dirty deeds. Here is a quote from *The New Republic* for March 4, 1967, when the exposés of the CIA, particularly apropos the National Students Association, had just begun to roll in *Ramparts*:

"Two years ago, students attending the NSA's International Student Relations Seminar remember going to a cocktail party in Washington at the new P Street offices of Intercontinental Research Co. Inc. IRC Inc. was said to have been set up for former NSA officials who had won an unusual open-ended contract to 'advise and consult' with the Agency for International Development on educational matters. One of the founders of IRC Inc. is Robert Kiley, a 1958 graduate of Notre Dame and 1958-59 president of NSA. From 1962 to 1964 he was the vice-president of the World Assembly of Youth, another recipient of FYSA grants. Kiley lives in a rather grand house in Georgetown with Anthony Smith, a Williams graduate who represented the NSA in Paris in the early '60s. Smith also worked at IRC Inc. Both are CIA men. Kiley is said to be the head of the CIA Covert Division which handles student affairs. He has represented the Agency on the US government's inter-agency youth board."

As the NSA/CIA scandal burgeoned, Kiley seems to have led efforts to hold the lid down on the scandal. Anyway, that's all behind him now. Kiley's career, with a subsequent stretch in the Police Foundation, seems to have been that of mod squad supercop. Things get simpler, really, and counterrevolution comes home. In the old days it was a matter of fixing international student organizations to battle communism. Now it's a matter of trying to figure out what to charge the lower classes for riding the subways before they march down to City Hall and kill everyone in it.